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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This is in response to the final Office Action dated March 14, 2006, for which a response was due on June 14, 2006, and the Advisory Action dated August 10, 2006. A Notice of Appeal with a petition for a three month extension of time was filed September 14, 2006. An Appeal Brief was due on November 14, 2006. A request for a one month extension of time is enclosed. Accordingly, this response is timely filed. Filed herewith is a Request for Continued Examination. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims, as amended, in light of the remarks presented herein are respectfully requested.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.

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